

## PRaises OUR ROADS

### A CONNECTICUT MAN PASSES THROUGH ORANGEBURG.

Nowhere on His Long Journey Has He Found Roads Any Better Than in Orangeburg.

"If you will improve the bad places in your roads, automobilists in hundreds will come to Charleston from the North every spring. Charleston is just the sort of place that these men are looking for and all that she needs in order to get the automobilists is a system of good roads leading to Columbia, Orangeburg, Aiken, Camden and Augusta." This is the opinion of Mr. Seymour Cunningham, of Litchfield, Conn., who passed through Orangeburg some days ago, and is now in Charleston or vicinity.

His opinion ought to carry conviction in view of the fact that Mr. Cunningham has just made one of the longest automobile trips on record. With his wife and baby, a nurse, a chauffeur and something like 500 pounds of baggage, he has just made the run from his New England home to Charleston in his motor car. He says in all the 1,100 miles of his journey the worst stretch of road that he found is that between Summerville and Otranto—a stretch that has been a big barrier to local automobilists ever since the automobile came into being.

Mr. Cunningham was enthusiastic about the journey that he has just made. In general, he said, the roads were good and the party had met with no serious mishaps in all the 1,100 miles. They left Litchfield on November 16 and on the way down visited the Luray caverns, the Natural Bridge, Roanoke, Winston-Salem and Charlotte, spending some time at each point.

In South Carolina they passed through Columbia, Camden and Orangeburg. Mr. Cunningham was warm in his praise of the roads in the neighborhood of this city, stating that Supervisor Felder had done splendid work. Nowhere in the course of his journey, said Mr. Cunningham, had he found roads that were more uniformly excellent than those about the city on the Edisto.

Mr. Cunningham was very positive, in speaking of the matter of Charleston's opportunity to become a great relying point for the Northern autoists if she can guarantee good roads to other parts of the State. The roads are in good shape right now, said Mr. Cunningham, with the exception of that obnoxious Summerville-Otranto stretch.

If that can be gotten into good condition, autoists can leave Charleston and drive without any trouble to Orangeburg. From Orangeburg they can go anywhere they wish—to Aiken, Augusta, Camden, Columbia. Charleston is an ideal point for an automobilists headquarters, because the cars can easily be shipped to this port by water, thus saving long journey over the roads from the North.

Road-building, said Mr. Cunningham, should be made a State affair in South Carolina, just as it is in the most progressive Northern and Western States. If the work is left to the individual counties, all sorts of trouble results, one county building up its roads while the next one either can not or will not.

In the North, he said, the license fees collected from automobilists are added to the road fund, while other moneys are also used for the same purpose. If this plan were followed here Charleston would not now be bottled up, as she is so far as automobilists are concerned, simply because of the bad stretch between Summerville and Otranto—a stretch which could easily be put into first class condition. If some one would only take hold of it.

Mr. Cunningham and his family are stopping at present at the Pine Forest Inn in Summerville. He said that he would spend some time in the pine land village, and that when he returned to the North he would tell everybody what a fine place Charleston was for automobilists—if she will fix up that Summerville-Otranto stretch as it ought to be fixed.

#### Paul Gilmore Coming.

Mr. Paul Gilmore appears here next Saturday, matinee and night, in Clyde Fitch's latest comedy, "The Bachelor," the play is under the direction of the Shuberts. Mr. Fitch has done many unique things, but his latest contribution to the stage is declared to be one of the neatest, daintiest works he has yet accomplished. "The Bachelor" had considerable vogue in New York during its run last Spring at the Maxine Elliott and later in the summer enjoyed much prosperity at the Whittier in Chicago.

#### Music Club at North.

The music class at North, under charge of Miss Annie L. Halford, met on Wednesday night, Dec. 14, and organized a music club. The following officers were elected: Miss Mary Tyler, president; Miss Annie Halford, vice president; Miss Nellie Livingston, secretary; Miss Bessie Edwards, treasurer. Miss Halford, Reeves and Rivers were appointed to arrange the programs. We hope that the club will be a source of much benefit as well as pleasure to the music pupils.

#### Elect Officers.

At the regular meeting of Cypress Camp, No. 161, W. O. W., of Cope, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: E. E. Ritter, C. C.; W. R. Turner, A. L.; M. K. Antley, banker; G. E. Griffith, clerk; F. Pickering, escort; Joe H. Thomas, watchman; J. H. Wolfe, sentry, and J. C. Hayden, manager.

## EDISTO PROJECT TO BE PUSHED.

Mr. Lever Will Do All He Can to Put It Through.

At Washington on Monday Representative Lever announced that the following members of a committee from Orangeburg and Branchville interested in the Edisto river development from Charleston to Orangeburg, would come to Washington January 3, and appear before the river and harbor board of the war department.

Messrs. Samuel Dibble, W. T. Glover, M. O. Dantzer, R. H. Jennings, J. P. Matheny. These gentlemen will ask the board to affirm the report of Engineer Adams recently made to the effect that the river between Charleston and Orangeburg is worthy of development. It will be remembered that the board turned down Capt. Adams' recommendation and an effort will now be made to have this decision reversed.

"We are prepared to take the fight all the way up to the Secretary of War and the President, if necessary," said Representative Lever Monday. "And we will make every possible effort to show that when the board took the position that commerce on the river did not justify the rivers development, it erred."

Mr. Legare will also bring on a delegation if he finds it necessary to do so in the interest of the proposition, says the dispatch to The News and Courier.

#### Happy Married.

Mr. Harold P. Scott, of Sumter, and Miss Marion Ernest, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Heaner, of this city, were happily married on Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock in the presence of relatives and friends at the family residence on Whitman street, Rev. L. M. Foreman officiating. The home was tastefully decorated, and the bride, in her white satin gown, looked most charming. She was given away by her brother, Dr. W. L. Heaner. The wedding march was played by Mrs. Florie Wright. After hearty congratulations from the friends present, the happy couple left over the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, on which the groom is a popular conductor, for an extended bridal trip. The young couple have the best wishes of scores of relatives and friends for a long and happy life.

#### Another Happy Marriage.

Mr. Julius Bozard and Miss Gussie Ulmer, daughter of Mr. F. L. Ulmer, of the Four Holes section, were joined in holy wedlock at the family residence a few days ago. The attendants were Miss Zula Bozard with M. M. Riddle and Miss Maggie Ulmer with E. F. Bozard. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. B. M. Foreman, and the wedding march was exquisitely rendered on the piano by Mrs. R. L. Zeigler. After the ceremony a bounteous feast was spread, of which the large crowd present partook. The young couple have the best wishes of a host of friends. The bride is a charming young lady and the groom is a prosperous young farmer of the neighborhood.

#### Serious Accident.

A peculiar as well as serious accident happened in the Livingston section on Friday of last week by which Mr. O. V. Fogle was painfully hurt. It seems that while cutting down a tree the upper part of it broke off and fell down beside Mr. Fogle. The jagged edge of the tree as it fell tore the flesh from one of Mr. Fogle's legs from the hip down, tearing the flesh away in places nearly to the bone. As soon as possible Mr. Fogle was taken to Columbia for treatment, where he now is in the hospital. He is doing about as well as could be expected. It is certainly a terrible wound, from which Mr. Fogle has suffered great pain.

#### Pythians Elect Officers.

Orange lodge, No. 34, K. of K., held its annual election Monday night at their castle, which resulted as follows: A. J. Hydrick, Jr., C. C.; J. P. Moseley, V. C.; M. K. Jeffords, prelate; E. E. Culler, M. of W.; Frank Limehouse, M. of A.; Dr. L. K. Sturkie, K. of R. and S.; T. J. Hayden, M. of F.; W. F. Falrey, M. of E.; W. Raymond Bryant, I. G.; W. G. Inabnet, O. G.; Dr. J. M. Oliver, Robert Lide and W. H. Dukes, trustees. The lodge voted \$5 per month for the support of a nurse for the poor of this district.

#### Conductor Injured.

W. H. Atwell, a conductor on the Southern railway, had his left leg broken just above the ankle by a fall from the top of a freight car Monday morning. The accident occurred at Wagner, between Perry and Batesburg, while his train was shifting. Mr. Atwell was taken to the Knowlton Infirmary in Columbia. When heard from last he was resting well.

#### Two Eclipses Next Year.

The almanacs for 1911 recently issued, announce two eclipses for 1911, both of the sun. The first will be a total eclipse of the sun on April 28; the other will be an annular eclipse on October 22. This is the first total eclipse of the sun visible in this latitude since May, 1903. It will not be quite a total eclipse as seen all over South Carolina.

#### Masonic Election.

At the last regular communication of Charity Lodge, No. 62, A. F. M., of Elmore, the following officers were elected: I. D. Gates, W. M.; Geo. H. Webster, S. W.; W. L. D. Bardin, J. W.; George W. Smith, Treas.; J. K. Stoutamire, Sec'y; Dr. A. W. Brown, S. D.; J. R. Bardin, J. D.; E. M. Farler and Edward Kull, Stewards; H. K. Snell, Tyler.

## REPORT ON COUNTY FARM.

In accordance with the law, approved on the 2nd day of February, 1910, requiring that the supervisor "shall publish annually during the month of December, a statement of the costs of running the County Farm and the assets realized therefrom," I submit the following report:

Assets.	
Products made on farm during current year:	
Corn, 1150 bus. at \$1 per bu. . . . .	\$1150 00
Fodder, 12,000 lbs. at \$1.25 per hundred . . .	150 00
Hay, 40,000 lbs. at \$1 per hundred . . . . .	401 25
Potatoes, (sweet), 197 1-2 bts. at 65c per bu. . . .	128 37
Rutabagas, 19 1-4 bus. at 50c. . . . .	11 00
Spring turnips, 8 bus. at 50c. . . . .	4 00
Collards and cabbage. . .	30 00
Potatoes, (Irish). . . . .	30 00
Syrup, 115 gals. at 40c. .	46 00
Oats, 16,905 lbs. at 75c per hundred. . . . .	126 78
	\$2137 40

The following statement of costs includes the claims filed against the County Farm from the first of April to the present date in December.

379 Drs. Doyle, Lowman & Jeffords, sal. co. physicians, 2nd quarter. . . .	\$ 37 50
383 C. B. Williamson, sal. mng. Farm, May. . . .	50 00
383 C. B. Williamson, sal. mng. Farm, April. . . .	45 00
392 Silvia Davis, nursing at Farm. . . . .	3 00
394 January Baldeger, painting house, Farm. .	23 00
397 G. W. Darsh, work on Farm house. . . . .	2 00
452 J. C. Ransdale, 1 pair shoes. . . . .	1 00
460 W. B. & G. L. Salley, Jr., thrashing oats. . .	2 73
477 Sou. Bell Tel. Co., phone at Farm. . . .	12 20
479 Sou. Cotton Oil Co., paint, Farm. . . . .	39 75
489 C. B. Williamson, sal. mng. Farm, June, and bal. . . . .	55 00
501 J. D. Rolan, beef. . . .	8 85
503 T. E. Early, cutting oats	7 00
529 Owen & Co., blacksmith work. . . . .	40 00
547 J. W. Smack, hfw. supplies. . . . .	1 85
764 W. H. Dukes, coffins. .	6 00
765 Willie Ayers, work and hands. . . . .	9 60
770 Falrey & Weeks, supplies. . . . .	61 85
776 C. B. Williamson, sal. mng. Farm, July. . . .	50 00
788 Drs. Doyle, Lowman & Jeffords, sal. co. physicians, 3rd quarter. .	37 50
798 Owen & Co., repair work	50 00
834 C. B. Williamson, salary and expenses. . . .	103 30
852 Geo. W. Dukes, corn. .	23 00
879 Lowman Drug Co., supplies. . . . .	1 70
889 Peruvian Guano Corporation, fertilizer. . . .	103 25
895 J. V. Smock, supplies	24 70
897 Von Oshen & Culler, repairs. . . . .	9 00
901 D. S. Wilson, stable msnures. . . . .	2 25
E. L. Fooser, beef. . . .	4 88
J. D. Rolan, beef. . . .	95 00
Falrey & Weeks, supplies. . . . .	83 19
S. A. Blackmon, hfw. supplies. . . . .	2 76
J. W. Smack, hfw. supplies. . . . .	5 55
J. C. Peers, clothing. . .	2 10
Ayers & Williams, sash and supplies. . . . .	23 50
C. B. Williamson, sal. Oct. and Nov. . . . .	100 00
J. H. Fooser, putting in sash. . . . .	8 00
Mannie Wilson, repair work. . . . .	3 00
	\$943 62

The above is not a full statement of the assets and costs of the County Farm for the current year, but is as nearly complete as I can make it, because the law requiring me to make this report was not approved until the last of February, and I did not begin saving the data necessary to make this report until the beginning of the second quarter—in April. Also, as the report must be made in the month of December, I cannot embrace therein the assets and costs for the remainder of the year. Hereafter, however, I will be able to make a full report for the County Farm, as required by law.

F. J. D. FELDER, Supervisor.

#### Woodmen of the World.

Walnut lodge, Woodmen of the World, of this city, at its annual meeting Friday night, elected the following officers: C. M. Van Orsdell, chancellor commander; A. S. Kennedy, advisor lieutenant; A. C. Dibble, clerk; T. A. Jeffords, physician; W. H. O'Callan, escort; J. R. O'Callan, watchman; Julius Wannamaker, sentry; O. B. Rosenger, sentry. These officers will be installed on the night of the third Tuesday in January, after which a banquet will be held. M. K. Jeffords, T. J. Hayden and O. B. Rosenger have been appointed a committee to have charge of the banquet.

#### Mail Presents Early.

Postmaster Webster requests all those who wish to send their Christmas presents by mail to mail them as early as possible. The usual Christmas rush at the postoffice has started and it requires every facility at the command of the authorities to keep the mail clear. Those who mail their packages now will be assured that they will reach their destination by Christmas day and this will more evenly distribute the rush over several days. The carriers have about all that they can handle now and are kept busy delivering the Christmas presents.

## BRANCHVILLE NEWS.

Negro Man Killed by Another—Personal Notes.

Branchville, Dec. 20.—Special.—Barney Wesley, a negro of this place, was killed last Friday night by another negro, Lewis Evans. The two were in a house with another negro man and the Evans negro was pranking with a pistol when he shot into the ceiling. Later he was told that he was not game to shoot again. He did, though, and hit the Wesley negro above the eye. Death resulted in a short time. The Evans negro fled and has not been seen since. It is not known whether it was an accident or murder. They were all under the influence of whiskey at the time, it is reported.

The Pearlstone house on Main street has been rented by Mr. W. A. Bass, the proprietor of the railroad dining room. He will make a hotel of the building, and expects to soon be ready to accommodate the traveling public.

Christmas trade is very good in Branchville this year. The stores did not lay in as large stocks as usual, but the holiday trade has been very satisfactory so far.

Mrs. W. O. Smith, of Charleston, was the guest of friends in town during the week end.

Mrs. J. F. Huchling is visiting her parents at Otr this week. Norman E. Byrd, Y. M. C. A. secretary at Staunton, Va., is with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Byrd, for the holidays.

The children of the graded school gave a very enjoyable entertainment and concert in the town hall last night to raise money to purchase song books for the school. A neat sum was realized. Misses Wolvin and Townsend of the school arranged the concert.

#### Death Was An Accident.

Mrs. Henry F. Salley, of Perry, was killed by the discharge of a gun in the hands of her husband, and, according to the verdict of a jury of inquest, it was accidental. No steps have been taken to incriminate Mr. Salley, and so far as known there will be none. Mr. Salley was preparing to go on a hunting trip. He was cleaning his gun, when, on unbreaching it, the cap of a cartridge in the gun in some way caught against the plunger, causing it to discharge. Mrs. Salley was standing in the room, and the loud struck her in the side, causing death a short time after. Mr. Salley is married to Perry. He and his wife are said to have been exceptionally affectionate, and the husband, it is said, is now in danger of losing his mind as a result of the deplorable death of his wife.

#### Township Commissioners.

Cov. Ansel Monday appointed the following township commissioners for Orangeburg county: Samuel Dibble, Bowman; T. B. Falry, Branchville; J. T. Whetsell, Cow Castle; J. E. Ashe, Edisto; J. A. Livingston, Elizabeth; J. L. Irick, Ellicree; T. L. Connor, Entwaw; A. E. Gleaton, Goodland; C. Glover, Hebron; J. T. Russell, Holly Hill; J. W. Bennett, Liberty; S. H. Inabnet, Limestone; W. M. Funchess, Middle; I. J. Dukes, New Hope; J. J. Falrey, Orange; G. G. Shuler, Providence; J. B. Sharpe, Rocky Grove; J. C. Shuler, Union; W. A. Dantzer, Vances; W. E. Sanford, Willow. They were all nominated in the last primaries.

#### Woodmen Circle Bazaar.

The Annual Bazaar, given by the ladies of the Woodmen Circle, will be held at Providence church on next Tuesday, commencing at 10 o'clock in the morning and continuing to 1 o'clock in the evening. Amusements will be provided for old and young folks. Dinner will be served, and there will be other refreshments and oysters. At 7 o'clock Rev. John A. Brunson will lecture at the Woodmen hall, for which an admission fee of 10 and 15 cents will be charged, but there will be no admission fee charged for the bazaar. The bazaar promises to be a grand success. All are invited to attend.

#### Lost One of His Feet.

A dispatch from Florence says Mr. A. N. Hicks, of that city, who has charge of a freight train between there and Augusta on the Coast Line, had his foot cut off at Copes Saturday. He was superintending the shifting of the cars, and was caught and thrown under one of the moving cars. He was taken to Augusta as soon as local medical aid could be given him where he was. Mr. Hicks is a most popular young man, raised in Florence and has many friends. He was recently married in Augusta and is with his wife's family there.

#### "The Bachelor" Here Saturday.

In "The Bachelor" in which Mr. Paul Gilmore appears here next Saturday, matinee and night, it is said that Mr. Fitch, author of the piece, has done one of the most amusing, clever and witty plays of his interesting career. It is the first piece that this famous playwright has written in which he does not sound the note of tragedy. Of course, he has given the stage "Girls" and "The Blue Mouse," but both of these were adaptations and in their original form farces of the first water.

#### Roads Good Around Orangeburg.

Mr. Seymour Cunningham, of Litchfield, Conn., with his family and servants, recently passed through this city in his automobile on his way to Charleston. He says in the course of his eleven hundred mile journey "nowhere had he found roads that were more uniformly excellent than those about the city of Orangeburg." In a few years, every road in the county will be like those traveled by Mr. Cunningham.

## LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

PICKED UP ALL OVER TOWN BY OUR REPORTERS.

What is Happening Here and There.

Local Items of Personal Interest to Our Readers.

Clean up the inflammable matter about your yards.

Mrs. Norman E. Salley has gone on a visit to her old Virginia home. Mrs. W. H. Rousseau, of Charleston, are on a visit to relatives in this city.

Dr. and Mrs. Bays will spend Christmas with their daughters at Kock Hill.

Sims Book Store has many suitable things for Christmas presents. Call and see them.

Misses Nellie Farnum, and Warner Hair are home from Limestone College for the holidays.

Mr. H. N. Felder has just completed his handsome residence at Parkers and moved in.

Mr. A. T. Wannamaker, travelling representative of the News and Courier, is at home for Christmas.

Dr. S. A. Steele lectured at Providence church on Saturday and preached on Sunday. Both were enjoyed.

Miss Rosa Copes, who holds a responsible position in the government service at Washington, is home for the holidays.

Mr. F. W. Felkel, who has made good in Anderson, is visiting relatives near Elmore. He is an old Woodford boy.

Mr. J. E. Stokes and Mr. Will Wannamaker, who are now in Baltimore, are in the city for the Christmas holidays.

There will be a Christmas tree at White House church on Saturday afternoon beginning at one o'clock. The public is invited.

The Orange Cotton Mill will close Saturday noon for the Christmas holidays, and will not again begin work until Tuesday morning.

Some mean thieves are going over the city stealing chickens and Christmas turkeys. Several yards have been raided by them.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Robinson, accompanied by Miss Beulah Hall, all of New York, are on a visit to Mr. Robinson's parents at Rowesville.

The primary class of St. Paul's Sunday-school will have their Christmas tree Friday afternoon at four o'clock in the Sunday-school room.

Miss Florie Bates, who is professor of Latin, German and French in the Woman's College of Charleston, W. Va., is home for the holidays.

A Christmas tree entertainment will be held at White House Methodist church at eleven o'clock Saturday. All are invited to be present.

The Sunday-school of the Cattle Creek church near Rowesville will give a Christmas tree on next Friday afternoon at three o'clock. The public is invited.

The In-Jan Refining Company, a competitor of Standard Oil Company, may locate a tank in this city for the distribution of its oil. We would be glad to have them come.

The Bible School of the Christian church will give a Christmas tree entertainment at Riley's hall, Thursday night, Dec. 22nd, at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

Miss Beulah Edwards, who holds a splendid position in the government service at Washington, is home spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Edwards, of Goodbye.

Don't forget the entertainment at North Providence school house this evening. Oysters and other refreshments will be served from five to eight o'clock, after which the exercises will be held.

Mr. William Whetsell, who moved from the Bowman section some years ago to a place he bought over in the Fork, has removed back to his Bowman place to the great joy of his many friends in that section.

There will be a Christmas tree in the oak grove at Mr. J. P. Smock's residence at Cordova, S. C., Monday night, the 26th. The public is cordially invited to attend and place presents on trees for friends or any one else.

Mr. Walter Wolfe and his charming bride, of Rocky Mount, N. C., are visiting relatives in this city. The young couple were recently married and are the recipients of many good wishes from friends for a long and happy life.

Mr. R. F. Pike and his fair bride arrived in the city from their wedding trip Tuesday morning and are stopping at the home of Mr. Pike's parents, on Orange Court. The happy couple has the best wishes of many friends and relatives.

Mr. C. A. Ziegler and Miss Belle Wingard, of the Lone Star section, were married last Sunday by Rev. L. T. Boland at the Lutheran parsonage. They are now receiving congratulations from their many friends and wishes for a long and happy life.

A pleasant evening is guaranteed to all who attend the entertainment at the Carson school house near Holly Hill tomorrow night. "The School Ma'am," a four act comedy, will be played. The price of admission is 15 and 25 cents. Refreshments will be sold during the evening.

W. B. Martin, Esq., of the Orangeburg bar, has filed two damage suits against the Atlantic Coast Line Railway on behalf of Samuel Wilson and Julius Baxter, for alleged injuries received on an excursion train last August. The amounts sued for are \$1,000 and \$1,950 respectively. This was the same excursion on which the Spires were so badly used up.

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